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***"AN ACT CONCERNING ACCESS TO PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
FOR CHILDREN IN THE CARE AND CUSTODY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES."***

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- 1 In line 9, strike "or" and "a school"
- 2 In line 10, strike "readiness program that is part of"
- 3 In line 10, after "Start program" insert ", or (E) any preschool
4 program in which the Department of Children and Families has
5 enrolled a child who is in out-of-home care by the Commissioner of
6 Children and Families pursuant to an order of commitment under
7 section 46b-129 of the general statutes during the fiscal year ending
8 June 30, 2015"
- 9 In line 11, strike "The" and insert "For the fiscal year ending June 30,
10 2016, and each fiscal year thereafter, the" in lieu thereof
- 11 In line 17, after "interest" insert "or if there are no available spaces in

12 an eligible preschool program that is located within ten miles of the
13 child's placement"

14 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
15 internal references accordingly:

16 "Sec. 501. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than January 1, 2015, the
17 Commissioner of Children and Families, in consultation with the
18 Office of Early Childhood, established pursuant to section 1 of
19 substitute senate bill 25 of the current session, shall submit a report, in
20 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
21 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
22 cognizance of matters relating to children, human services, education
23 and appropriations concerning (1) the number of preschool-aged
24 children, as defined in section 1 of this act, who are placed in out-of-
25 home care by the Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to
26 an order of commitment under section 46b-129 of the general statutes
27 and enrolled in an eligible preschool program, as defined in section 1
28 of this act, at the time of such placement, (2) the number of preschool-
29 aged children, as defined in section 1 of this act, who are placed in out-
30 of-home care by the Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant
31 to an order of commitment under section 46b-129 of the general
32 statutes and not enrolled in an eligible preschool program, as defined
33 in section 1 of this act, at the time of such placement, (3) the number of
34 children age birth to three, inclusive, who are placed in out-of-home
35 care by the Commissioner of Children and Families pursuant to an
36 order of commitment under section 46b-129 of the general statutes, and
37 (4) an analysis of the availability of spaces in eligible preschool
38 programs in relation to the geographic placement of children described
39 in subdivision (2) of this subsection."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section